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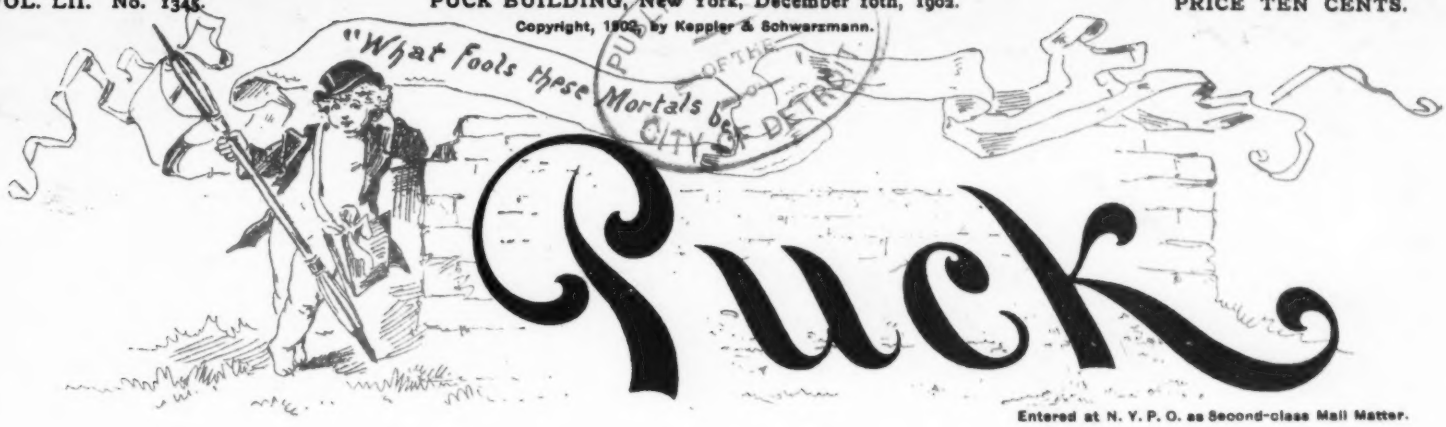

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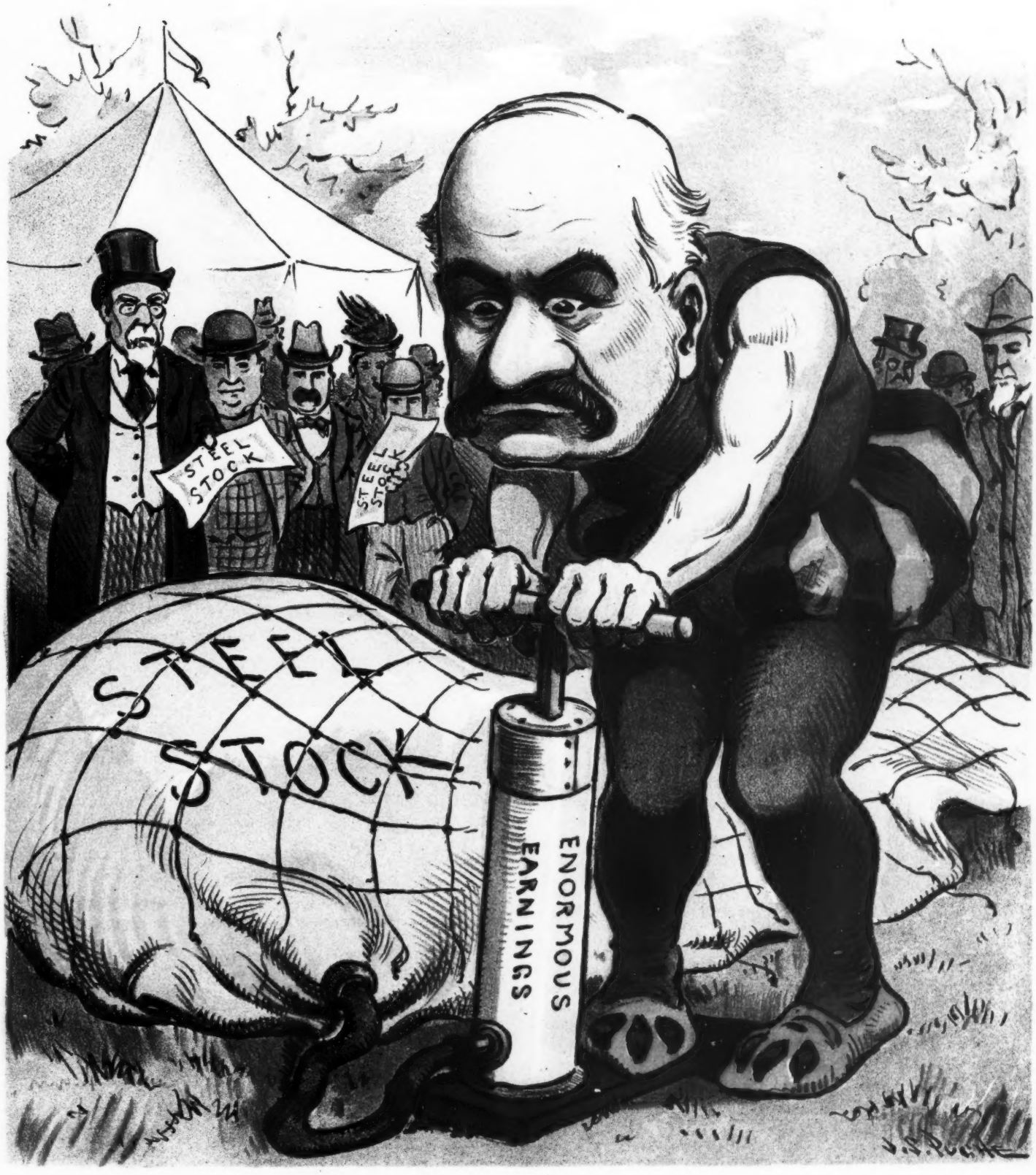


WAITING FOR THE BALLOON ASCENSION.

A Strong Man, a Strong Pump; But No Sign of a Rise.

AN INFECTIOUS YAWN IN THE JUNGLE.

FIRST AID TO THE ANXIOUS.

HOUSEWIFE.—Paint your bust of Socrates black and call it Booker T. Washington.

BACHELOR.—There is no feminine form of the word "sage." The nearest thing to it is "grass-widow."

OLD SUBSCRIBER.—To obtain reliable misinformation on anything pertaining to politics, address William J. Bryan, Lincoln, Neb.

ESSIE.—A man falls in love with a pretty girl, he jumps into it with an heiress, and he is hauled into it by a widow with a double chin and several children.

AMBITIOUS.—Fame is very easily acquired. All you have to do is to be in the right place at the right time and do the right thing in the right way—and then advertise it properly.

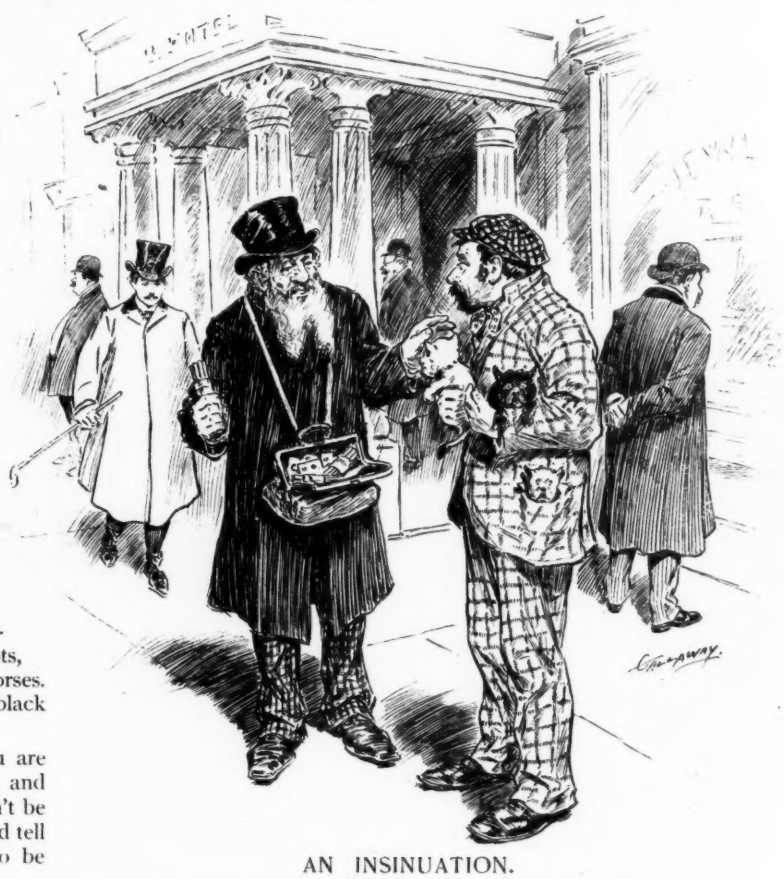
XXX.—There are apparently only two classes of miners in this country—those who delight in thawing out dynamite in the oven of the kitchen stove, and those who are continually out on a strike. So far as can be learned from the daily press, there are no miners who mine.

WANTERKNOW.—The proper dress for a groom in the afternoon is a bottle green coat, fawn-colored trousers with top-boots, and silk hat with cockade; that is, if he is going to hold the horses. If he intends to get married, the conventional and mournful black is in order. Circumstances alter cases, you know.

MISUNDERSTOOD.—If no one understands you, and you are soulful and bilious, and hate yourself and despise the world, and want to screech and be sentimental and foolish, and so on, don't be a Mary McLane and write it. Hunt up a condemned man and tell him all about it; but be absolutely certain that he is going to be hung early next morning.

JOHN HENRY.—Peter the Great frequently whipped his wife, from which we should learn that the public men of the good old times were just about as strenuous as they are to-day. "Acephalous" means "without a head," and is often applied to rich men's sons, postage stamp collectors and the Democratic party. A lollapaloozer is a fellow who buys a nickel's worth of peanuts and goes into the sideshow looking for trouble. Of the eight wonders of the world, Niagara Falls is one and the everlasting and unaccountable darnfoolishness of human nature is the other seven. A single plant of the red poppy has been known to produce 63,000 seeds in one season, which is nearly as many as the number of words the average dyspeptic will use in telling you about his ailment if you but politely ask him how he is feeling to-day. It is a notable fact that of all the gentlemen who would rather be right than be president, none succeeded in being either. And, now, my dear John Henry, I prithee excuse me from replying to the remaining twenty-seven of your interrogations. I am always willing to answer questions in a modest way, but, really, have n't the time nor the inclination to entirely furnish an absolutely empty mental flat. For goodness's sake, did n't you know anything at all when you came here?

Tom P. Morgan.



AN INSINUATION.

BAUMSTEIN.—I guess der peezness in dogs vos a leetle like der peezness in gollar buttons.

PEGLEG LEARY.—How 's dat?

BAUMSTEIN.—Well, if some beeple did n't lose dem, odder beeple vould n't be selling dem.

"OH! WHAT can we do next?"
She sighed, and wept anew—
"Since we 've done everything
We could, and could n't do?

"The season has begun;
Where shall we turn to seek
Some novel phase or whim
Or odd fantastic freak?

"We 've posed in trunks and tights,
Coon songs we 've learned to sing,
We set the cake-walk pace
We 've clowned it, in the ring—

"We 've gayly knocked about
Propriety's best props;
We 've yachted through the nights,
We 've gambled, without stops,—

"All things we 've wined and dined
From prince to monkey guest—
We 've worn to hueless threads
Life's daily worst and best—

"'T is pain to contemplate
Conditions so bereft;
What, what can we do next?
There 's really nothing left."

A voice spoke in her ear:
"Do good—just for a change;
That 's something you 've *not* tried—
Odd, picturesque, and strange."

Madeline Bridges.

EDUCATION.

BUT ABNER'S resolution was unshaken; he would prove that even in these days poverty was no bar to getting a college education.

He found plenty of wood to saw and chores to do, and by dint of a certain native shrewdness he beat his board bills and stole his books. He paid his tuition fees, deeming it unwise, on the whole, to forge the receipts.

Thus he always had money to bet on the foot-ball games. Few boys in his class smoked more cigarettes than he. He found ample time to engage in pranks, scarcely a day passing that he did not wantonly destroy some property.

It was a proud day for Abner when he graduated. For he could truly boast that his diploma testified to about as broad a culture as anybody's.

VALUE RECEIVED.

Success's price is sometimes high,
They say, but that 's all jargon;
Whoever gets Success at all
Is sure to get a bargain.

NEXT!

RODNEY.—Nothing can be more dangerous to public safety than the automobile.

SIDNEY.—Pooh! Just you wait until flying-machines get to dropping on us!

TO THE common or garden mind it seems queer for Christian Science healers to receive real money for curing imaginary diseases.

THE INFLUENCE OF INFANCY.

BENEDICT BEAR.—Yes, indeed! A baby of your own makes a wonderful difference.

BACHELOR BEAR.—I suppose so.

BENEDICT BEAR.—Oh, yes! Why, since my little one arrived I 've actually learned to hug gently.

If you are looking for all the comforts of home don't expect all the conveniences of a hotel.

POSSIBLY.

AMATEUR TEACHER.—Here! You must be good in school!
LITTLE BROTHER.—I guess she wants to be expelled.

AN INTERVIEW WITH SAINT NICK.

I FOUND the old saint sitting in his pajamas in the fourth floor of his ice palace, just north of Harlem and Boston, smoking a Pittsburg stogie.

I apologized for the intrusion.

"This," I said, "is for you undoubtedly the busiest season of the year."

"Not at all," said Santa. "All seasons are alike to me. When I first started in this business I was always rushed to death with letters at this time, but that has all been fixed up since our syndicate was formed. My secretaries now do all the work."

"A syndicate!" I exclaimed. "Then your work is no longer a personal matter?"

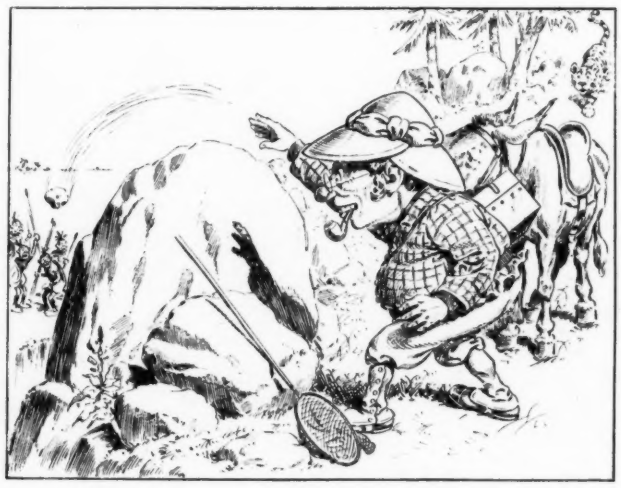
"Well, I own a majority of the stock; and, by the way, while I think of it, I 'd like to have you subscribe. Just as a favor to you, I can let you have ten thousand shares at a thousand dollars a share. It 's likely to go to a million in the next six months."

"Thanks! I will consider it. But first tell me where your

PROFESSOR BUGG PLAYS FOR POINTS.

I.

PROF. BUGG.—I wonder how I could obtain some spears from the savages down there? Ah!—



II.

—"I will first attract their attention with this stone."

TIGER.—They don't seem to be conscious of my presence at all. This is a great opportunity.

III.
PROF. BUGG. — Rather an antiquated method of drawing their fire, but it seems to work admirably. —

IV.
— "Now that they have exhausted their ammunition, it behooves me to act quickly, and really —

profits come in. I always thought your enterprise was — er — a purely philanthropic one."

The old man's sides shook.

"Of course!" he chuckled. "You 're one of the victims. But I beg to assure you that I am not in business for my health."

"But don't you make all the presents yourself and give them away?"

"Not on your life! That 's the popular impression, but the public has to be fooled. It would n't be a natural thing if it was n't."

I gazed upon my fat friend with amazement.

"Well!" I exclaimed. "I thought you at least were exempt from our modern influences. What 's the name of your syndicate, anyway?"

"It 's called THE CHRISTMAS TRUST — UNLIMITED."

"And how does it work?"

The ruddy saint laid his finger on the side of his nose.

"The idea that we are giving anything away is amusing," he said. "But I will explain our system. The parents and relatives stand for everything. Why, they all go broke once a year for our benefit. My boy, the whole world is working for us."

V.
— "I hardly anticipated such a valuable addition to my collection. However, fortune always did favor me."

"But who pays you?"

"Why, the tradespeople, of course! We get a rake-off on everything. In return for the Christmas idea — one of the biggest ads ever sprung — we get a certain percentage. Why, we have a surplus in bonds that fills several ice palaces to the brim. We could burn money all Winter and not feel it."

"And so all these tired men and women giving things they can not afford are in reality working for you instead of your working for them?"

"Exactly! You remember that poem, 'The Night before Christmas'?"

"Oh, yes!"

"Well, we paid that fellow a big price for that and it was worth it — one of the best ads we ever had. Why, my dear boy there is n't a shoe man or a chewing-gum manufacturer in the world that compares with me at all! My face is a fixture in every heart and my gestures are immortal."

He pressed a paper into my hand.

"Here 's a full statement of our earnings. Take it along."

I snatched the paper from his hand and sprang to the door.

"Yes; I 'll take it along!" I cried. "I 'll show the whole world what a fraud you are! I 'll expose you! You hoary old sinner!"

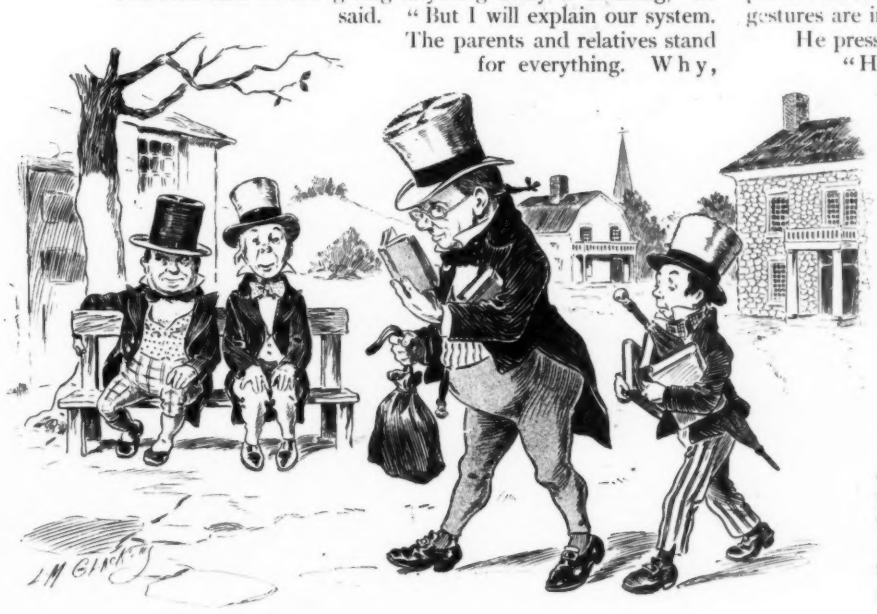
"Go ahead," smiled Santa Claus. "No one will believe you. And now, are you ready?"

"Ready for what?" I exclaimed.

He posed dramatically and chanted:

"'Merry Christmas to all, and to all a Good-night!'"

Tom Masson.



AS TO THE LAWYER.

"They say he puts in some steep bills!"

"Ay! And he never lets a client strike out any of the items as irrelevant and immaterial."

THE FUNNY PART.

FARMER BROADHEAD *(in the midst of his reading)*.—The paper says that John J. Skipps, the cashier of the bank over to Allegash, has embezzled six thousand dollars. Wa-al, that 's funny —

MRS. BROADHEAD.—What 's so funny about his bein' a thief, Amzi?

FARMER BROADHEAD.—Why, far 's I know, he was never called "Honest John."

ONE OF MANY.

TOM FOOZLE.—Wetherby seems strangely drawn to that pretty Mrs. Strong—don't you think?
DORA DORMIE.—Yes. Another example of the widow's might, I presume.

We don't always know what would be good for us but we generally know what would have been good for us.

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CARTOONS AND COMMENTS.

THE UNGRATEFUL FILIPINO.

IT WILL prove, we fear, a severe blow to Messrs. Adams, Atkinson, Hoar and Schurz, but, nevertheless, it must be told. The downtrodden Filipinos are getting fat. Reports from reliable sources state that the native scouts have outgrown their uniforms and that Expansion will be both dangerous and embarrassing if new suits are not soon forthcoming. As there are five thousand scouts, the increase in Filipino avoirdupois must be considerable; likewise, it is conclusive evidence that prosperity has followed the flag. Conclusive evidence nothing! Wait till we hear from Messrs. Adams, Atkinson, Hoar and Schurz. Then, in neat pamphlet form and printed in Boston, we will learn the true inwardness of this libel on the Filipino scout. We will learn the base subterfuge in the report of his growth; a subterfuge on the part of a wicked government to conceal another "Outrage." Instead of fattening, we will see the native scout in his true and ideal light, languishing, declining, starving. Instead of bursting his official buttons with surplus size, we will see him a skeleton in khaki. Should, however, the report be true that the scouts are growing in girth and chest, what a show of ingratitude will then be made! For months and with diligence, Messrs. Adams, Atkinson, Hoar and Schurz have pictured to the country the woes of the Filipinos. No grade or condition of misery has been considered too good for them. Every known tribulation has been cheerfully and gratuitously furnished. No expense has been spared; and yet, in the face of all these favors, the Filipino fattens. He does not—he can not—realize the anguish of his friends.

MADNESS AFRICANUS.

IN SOMALILAND, are there press agents? It would seem so, truly. Mad Mullah's fascinating name, the weird stories of his influence and their atmosphere of mystery all declare it. Who but a born press agent could have contrived them so aptly or circulated them so subtly? If England's latest foe had been labeled Stonewall Mullah or Fighting Joe Mullah, indifferent to his deeds, the world might have passed him. But in Mad Mullah a euphonious something caught the public ear. No fear need be felt, however, for the Mullah's mental safety. From all accounts, he is exceptionally sane and sagacious. He has hypnotized, literally, his followers by convincing them of his heaven-sent powers and thus, with neatness, has gathered a force together which fears to disobey him. Not unlike Richard Croker? True; though, as far as we know, Croker never claimed the heaven-sent powers. For madness of the Mullah type Great Britain has one reliable antidote: Kitchenerism. Systematically applied, it will cure where other British remedies have failed. And, in this case, a cure is highly desirable. Africa, at present, is the world's greatest tract of unimproved property. It is rich real estate, but it needs up-to-date development, the sort it gets from Mad Mullah and other jungle gentlemen being decidedly crude and old-fashioned. Unless his views have suddenly changed, the Mullah has no desire to become a captain of industry nor in any way to aid in Africa's commercial advancement. Consequently, the contest in Somaliland is not merely Britain's fight against the Mullah, but part of civilization's unceasing campaign against barbarism; the present's battle with the past. On one side is progress, enlightenment, prosperity; on the other, savagery, ignorance, stagnation. There can be but one result.

REFORMING THE JAILS.

CRITICS there are in plenty of eastern labor unions but the critics of the west have been silenced. By an incident in Indiana, the high ideals of western labor unions have been clearly displayed and aims more commendable or unselfish would be hard to discover. A young American, laboring under the antiquated delusion that he might pick his trade and learn it unmolested, sought to become an apprentice. He failed, union rules blocking the way. Still determined, he stole a set of harness—not because he wanted the harness, but because the theft would admit him, without entrance examination, to the Penitentiary School of Manual Training, an institution where trades are thoroughly and competently taught. Now appears in all its loftiness of purpose, the unions' object. It was no spirit of animosity toward new comers which led them practically to force a would-be apprentice into jail, but a high-minded, public spirited desire to uplift the jail itself. Jails and penitentiaries, as a rule, are inhabited by a degraded class. The inmates belong very frequently to the worst social orders and crime among them is not a rarity. These things no men regretted more than the western labor leaders and if, by forcing a respectable, ambitious boy into jail to learn a trade they could raise the moral status of the prisoned throng, their debt to society, they felt, would be doubly paid. It is, in truth, an ideal aim. And realized, we see our jails deserted by the lawless, rowdy class which now infests them and peopled, tier upon tier, with bright, clean American youths, each seeking eagerly for education and means of support. The boy who stole the harness should refrain from complaint. He should take up philosophy. He is but the entering wedge in a vast social reform.

PART OF THE BUSINESS.

THE SUBJECT.—Please don't make me as stout as I am. You artists treat superfluous flesh more successfully than the doctors.

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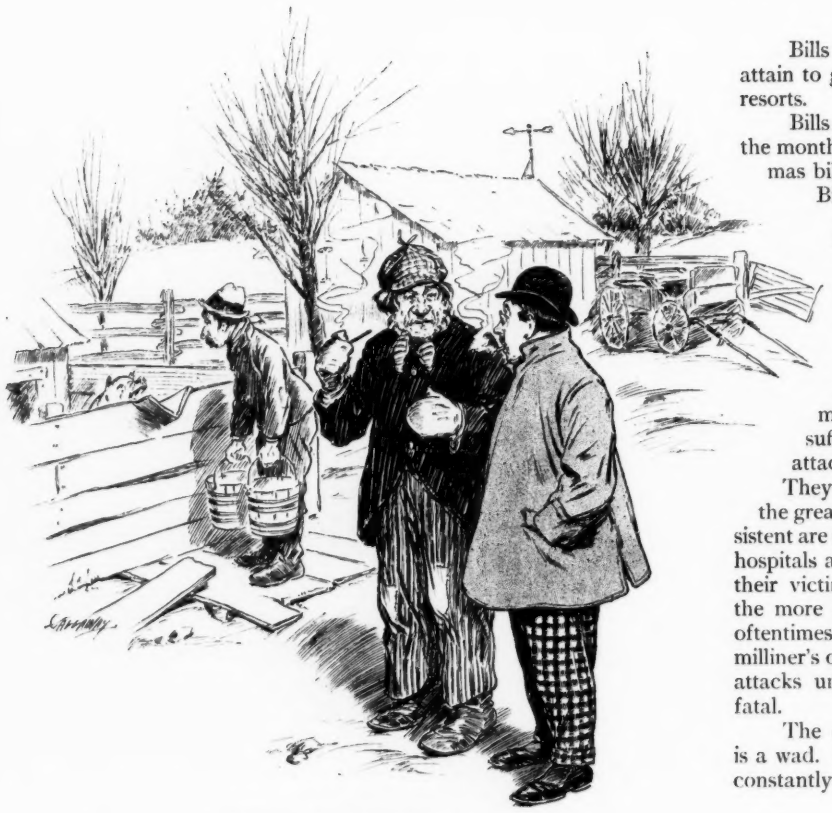


HIS APPREHENSION.

CITY NEPHEW.—I noticed that the hired man did n't drink coffee for breakfast?

FARMER BENTOVER.—No! He 's afraid it will keep him awake durin' the day.

BILLS.

Bills are a disease confined mostly to cities, although they often attain to great virulence in congested rural districts and fashionable resorts.

Bills are regular in their effect—always attacking on the first of the month. Their effect varies in different seasons, however, Christmas bills as a rule being the most deadly.

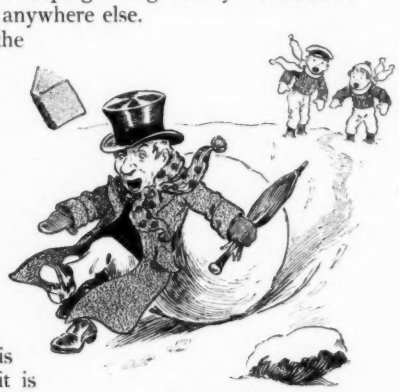
Bills, while more or less prevalent in various parts of the world, attain a more sweeping and generally destructive form in America than anywhere else.

Bills never affect the poor. The rich have them, but seem to be immune from their injurious effects. It is the middle class that suffers most from their attack.

They attack husbands with the greatest force, and so persistent are they that sanitariums, hospitals and asylums are full of their victims. The household is the more common variety, but it is oftentimes not half so deadly as the milliner's or dressmaker's, that always attacks unexpectedly and is usually fatal.

The only known cure for bills is a wad. Good wads can be obtained at any reputable mint. Apply constantly until relief follows.

T. M.



ANNOYING.

"He 'll be as mad as thunder!"
"Yes! It allus does make him mad to be interrupted when he 's readin'!"

THE pocket-book is always taken out in trade.

IDENTIFIED.

A Maiden, having learned a new Stitch, worked and worked, while the weeks lengthened into months.

However, at last the Thing was done.

"But what is it?" exclaimed the Maiden, in perplexity. "It is too small for an afghan and too large for a doyly."

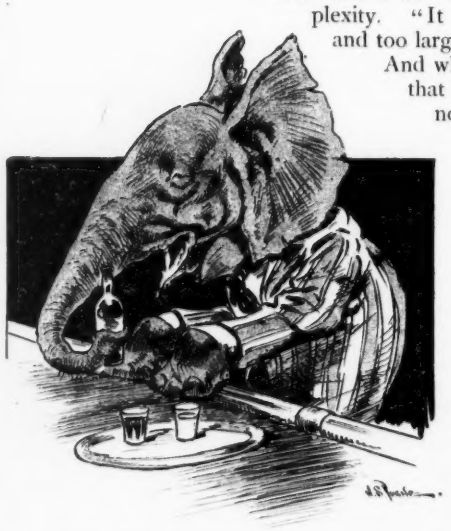
And when, presently, she saw that the uncertainty was not unlikely to wear her young life out, she took alarm and repaired to a Soothsayer, in the hope that he, deeply versed in the Occult, might resolve her doubts.

The Soothsayer heard her Story with knitted brow. Then he drew her horoscope.

"It 's a Christmas gift," said he, finally.

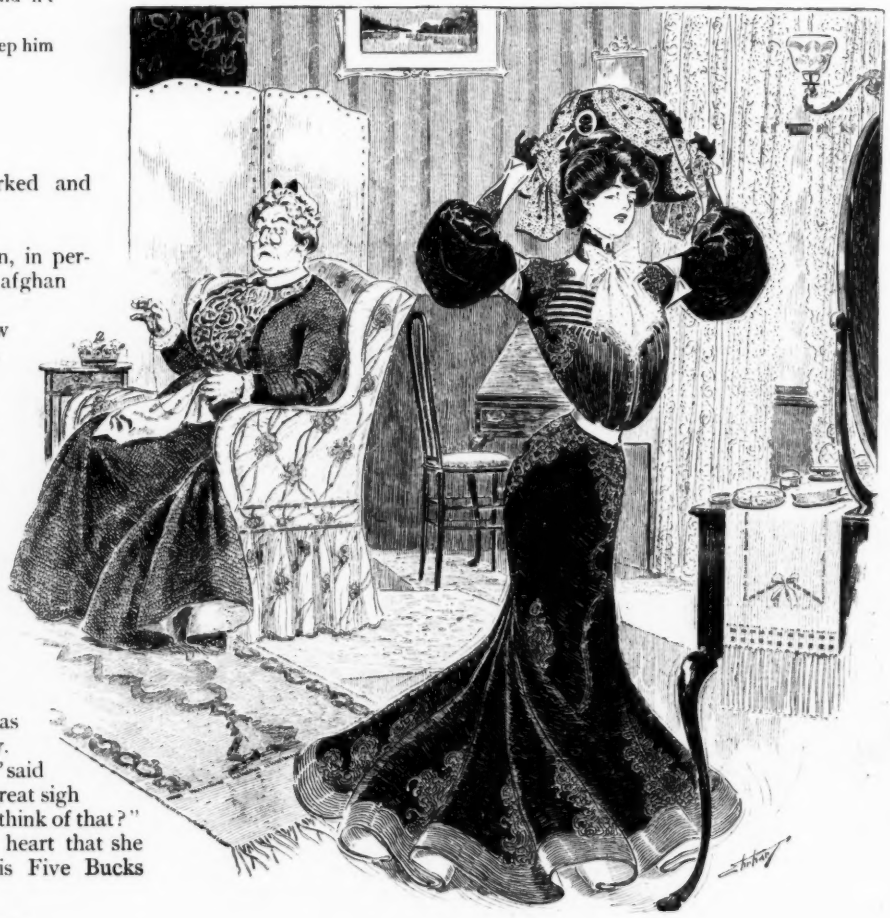
"Why, of course!" said the maiden, with a great sigh of relief. "Why did n't I think of that?"

It was with a light heart that she paid the Soothsayer his Five Bucks and tripped away.



THE BIBULOUS ELEPHANT.

"Drinks like a fish, does n't he?"
"Worse! He drinks like New York on Sunday!"



THE REGULAR THING.

"Remember, my daughter, that 'the meek shall inherit the earth.'"
"Yes! But some chesty individual will always smash the will!"

THOSE WHO have observed say a baby stops trying to put his foot in his mouth about the time he learns to talk. After that, as often as he opens his mouth, he can put his foot in it without trying.

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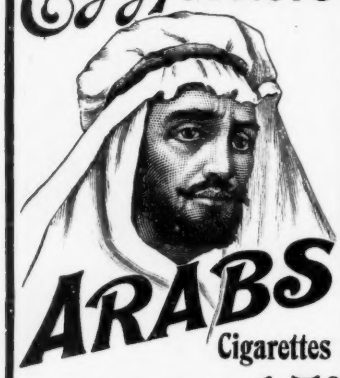

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To which the young woman replied briefly, and with sympathy:

"Ef you hain't already done drinked it, an' yer mind is made up, why don't you come up to the house an' let dad's mule kick you? It 's more sudden, an' what 's more, you 'd never know it."—*Atlanta Constitution.*

WITHOUT A DOUBT.

GLADYS.—He said he would die if I refused him.

ETHEL.—And still you refused him?

GLADYS.—Oh, yes! I think he will live long enough to propose again.

Brain and brawn benefited with a tonic which aids digestion—Abbott's, the Original Angostura Bitters, are noted for their digestive properties. All druggists.

REALISM IN FICTION.

"You say in your story here that Mrs. Dashley, the Society leader, 'smiled broadly.' Would a real Society leader do that?"

"Why not?"

"Because it seems a little plebeian to smile broadly. Why did n't you omit the expression?"

"I 'm afraid you do not have any perception of the rules of the new school of realistic narrative. I had the lady smile broadly because I had already described her as possessing a broad face."—*Cleveland Plain Dealer.*

HONESTY.

"There is n't any such thing as honest legislation in this country," complained the pessimist.

"Oh! I don't know," replied the legislator. "I was promised five hundred dollars if I helped to pass a certain bill, and I did it, and got all that was promised me."—*Philadelphia Press.*

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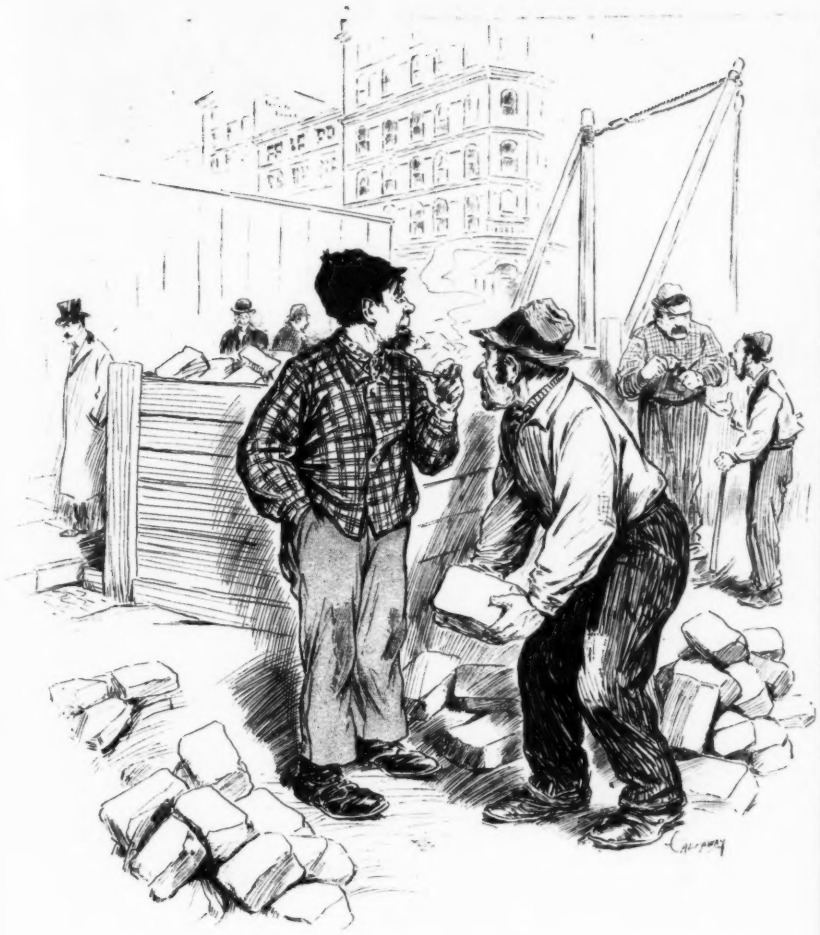

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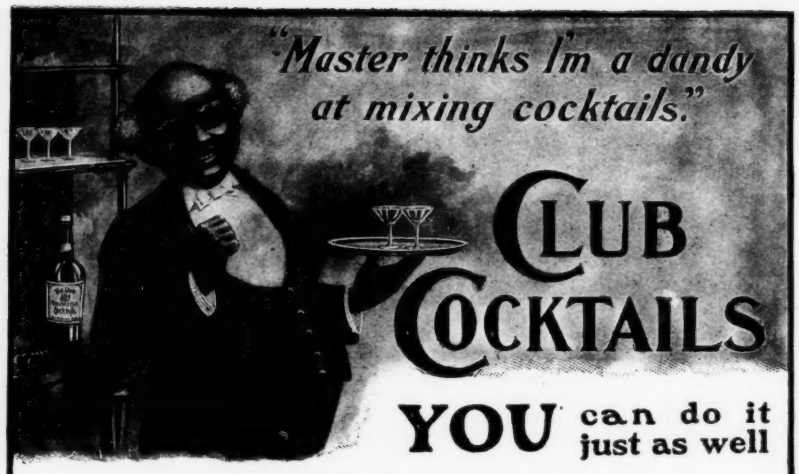

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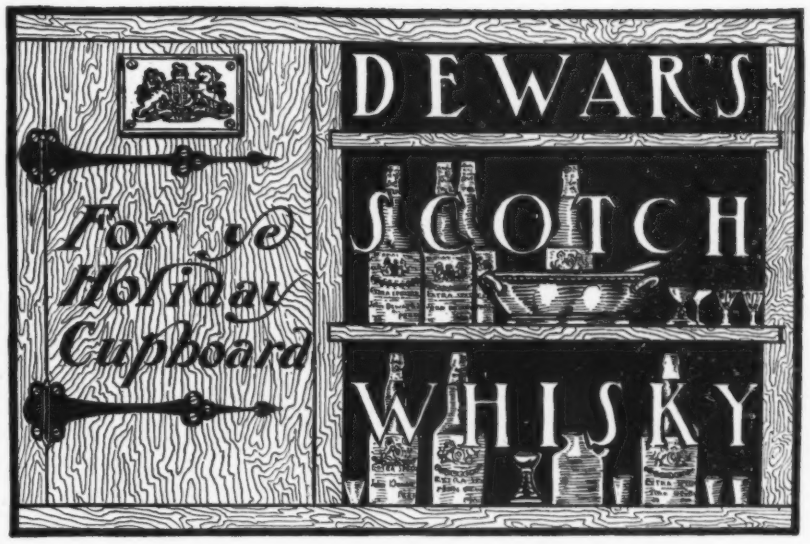

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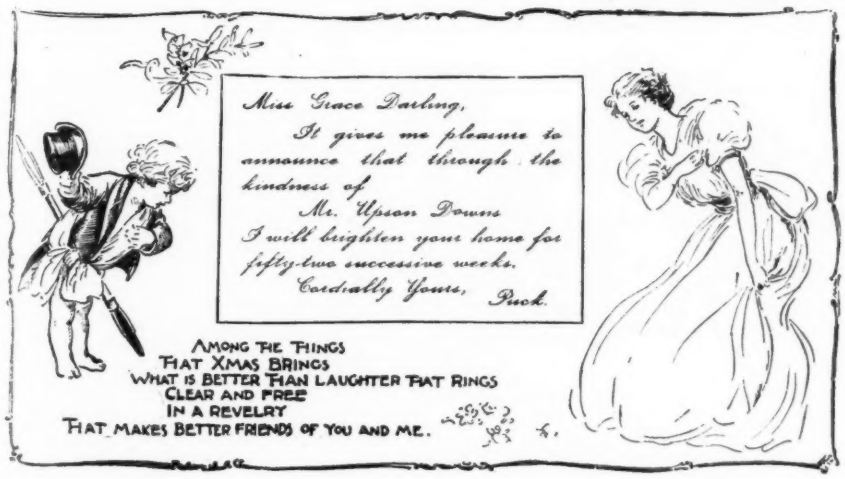

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